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C O N F I D E N T I A L ISLAMABAD 8909

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SUBJ: BIZENJO JOINS THE NDP

REF: ISLAMABAD 8502

1. MIR GHAS BIZENJO, PROMINENT BALUCH LEADER AND FORMER GOVERNOR OF BALUCHISTAN, FORMALLY JOINED THE NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (NDP) SEPTEMBER 10, REPORTEDLY AT THE INVITATION OF NDP PRESIDENT SHERBAZ MAZARI. IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE ANNOUNCEMENT, BIZENJO WENT TO PESHAWAR TO MEET NDP LEADER KHAN ABDUL WALI KHAN, WITH WHOM HE WILL REPORTEDLY PARTICIPATE IN A MEETING OF THE NDP WORKING COMMITTEE ON SEPTEMBER 15.

2. COMMENT: BIZENJO ATTRACTED MUCH ATTENTION RECENTLY AFTER HIS "MYTH"-CHALLENGING STATEMENTS ON NATIONALITIES AND PROVINCIAL AUTONOMY (REFTEL). HE IS THE FIRST OF THE BALUCH BIG THREE TO JOIN A POLITICAL PARTY, AND THE TERMS OF HIS ASCENSION TO PARTY MEMBERSHIP AND APPARENT ACCEPTANCE INTO PARTY LEADERSHIP, REMAIN UNCLEAR. IF THE NDP HAS AGREED TO LET BIZENJO CONTINUE TO PLAY
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OUT HIS AUTONOMIST LINE, HIS FORMAL ALLIANCE WITH THE PARTY WILL BE A BOOST TO THE MORE RADICAL BALUCH AND NWFP NDP MEMBERS, WHO WOULD LIKE THE NDP TO BECOME ANOTHER NATIONAL AWAMI PARTY.

3. BIZENJO'S FORMAL PARTICIPATION IN NDP POLITICS, HOWEVER, MAY HAMPER THE NDP'S EFFORTS TO EVOLVE INTO A POWERFUL NATIONAL POLITICAL FORCE. PUNJABI SKEPTICISM OF THE PARTY'S NATIONALIST

BONA FIDES, ALREADY THE NDP'S GREATEST HURDLE, WILL BE
REINFORCED BY THE UNREPENTANT BALUCH'S PRESENCE IN PARTY
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